



OUR LADY & ST PHILIP NERI

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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8th March 2015

3rd Sunday of Lent

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & LENTEN SERVICES

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Saturday 7 th	10.30 – 11.30am	Imm Heart Church	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip's	Peter McLoughlin (80 th Birthday)
Sunday 8 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Betty Brown
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Wilf Corrigan
	4.00pm	Imm Heart	Weekday Chapel Lenten Reflection Hour
Monday 9 th	9.15am	Immaculate Heart	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Comm
Tuesday 10 th	10.00am	St Mary's	Requiem Mass for Sarah Hindmarsh
	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	John Campbell (Dec)
Wednesday 11 th	10.00am	St Philip's	Helen Tanner
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Stations of the Cross
Thursday 12 th	9.30am	St Mary's	Edward and Mary Anne Arnold
Friday 13 th	10.00am	St Mary's	Margaret Barton
	7.00pm	Immaculate Heart	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 14 th	11.00am	Mountsett Crematorium	Funeral Service for Margaret (Peggy) Cook

4th Sunday of Lent

Vigil Mass	5.30pm	St Philip's	Fairley Family
Sunday 15 th	9.30am	St Mary's	William and Bernard Oxley
	11.00am	Immaculate Heart	Bob Andison
	4.00pm	Imm Heart	Weekday Chapel Lenten Reflection Hour

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 'Confessions' are available in the parishes on Saturday's St Philip's Church 4.45pm – 5.15pm, Tuesday's Immaculate Heart Church 6.30pm – 7.00pm and St Mary's Church Friday's 9.30am – 10.00am. Also, during Lent Saturday's 10.30am – 11.30am in Immaculate Heart Church. **(Please Note - not March 14th because of a Funeral Service).**

SICK AND IN NEED OF PRAYER Please pray for Marjorie Gray, James Roach, David Roach, Luke Roach, Michael Bell, Winifred Easton, Paul Leonard, Kathleen Bruce, Emily Keane, Fr John Campbell (ex-parishioner of St. Philips), Bernadette Kebell, Christine Taylor, Mary (Maisie) King, Vincent Wallace, Sheila Rickerby, Doreen & Alan Crame, Pauline Mulholland and Pat Edwards.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for Fr Michael Melia who retired to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle, and Sarah Hindmarsh. May they rest in peace Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS To Patrick Aidan Harrison who will be baptised this Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. May God bring to fulfilment the good work he has begun in him.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

THE CATHEDRAL COMES TO USHAW FOR EVENING PRAYER This Sunday, 8th March in St Cuthbert's Chapel at 6.00pm, Durham Cathedral Consort directed by James Lancelot the Organist and Director of Music are coming to Ushaw College, Durham, for Evening Prayer with Canon Rosalind Brown leading the service. All are very welcome.

VISIT OF CARDINAL TAGLE – ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 9TH MARCH Prominent during Pope Francis' tour of the Philippines, where he gathered a record crowd of over 6 million people for the celebration of Mass, was the Archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, and we are fortunate that he will be visiting St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on Monday 9th March. He will celebrate the 12:05pm Mass (which will be sung) and will speak at an Evening Celebration at 7.00pm. Cardinal Tagle is an inspiring communicator and is well respected for his involvement in many social issues and his work among the poor. Everyone is welcome.

LITURGY PLANNING GROUP A brief meeting will be held at 6.00pm on Friday 13th March in the Weekday Chapel, Lobley Hill, to discuss and plan the Calvary Lenten Service due to take place on Palm Sunday (29th March) at 4.30pm, in Immaculate Heart Church. All are welcome to the meeting.

PIANO & ORGAN RECITAL – IRAQI CHRISTIANS IN NEED (ICIN) At St Dominic's Priory Church Newcastle NE1 2TP on Friday 13th March 7pm. Performed by Carl Bahoshy. Free admission – retiring collection. This UK –registered charity provides direct financial relief to displaced refugee families to procure medical aid and long-term shelter in the form of family caravans. All aid is channelled through the Bishop's of the churches www.icin.org.uk

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th March, 7.00pm in the Weekday Chapel, Lobley Hill.

DEANERY CONFIRMATION 2015 On Wednesday 17th June, Bishop Seamus Cunningham will visit our deanery and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our youth in Year Groups 9 & 10. The Mass will be held at St Joseph's Church, Blaydon. An important introductory meeting to launch the programme will be held in St Joseph's Church on Thursday 26th March at 7.00pm. Candidates and parents/guardians are invited to this meeting. Further details about the formation programme can be obtained from Fr Jeff.

TRAIDCRAFT 'FAIR NECESSITIES' APPEAL During 'Fairtrade Fortnight', please support Traidcraft's 'Fair Necessities' appeal which is helping smallholder farmers in developing countries to learn skills to earn enough to buy basic things that we take for granted. If you donate to this work before end of March, the UK government will match your donation £ for £. Support fair trade and double your contribution! Visit <http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/donate-now>

GENERAL INFORMATION...

LENTEN ALMS 2015 COLLECTION For almost 70 years, St Cuthbert's Care has offered services to help care for some of the most vulnerable and disenfranchised members of our communities. Their work focuses upon the provision of specialist disability services, residential homes for children and young people with challenging behaviours and residential care for older people.

THANK YOU – CHARITY WISH TOKENS UPDATE After our final total of tokens 34,208 was confirmed by the Chronicle, we were informed that we had achieved 10th place out of more than 200 entrants! A cheque of £497.18 was presented to our representative at the Chronicle head office on Monday afternoon. With the help of a couple of private donations we have rounded the total up to £550. Thanks again to everyone who helped with our collecting. HCPT Group 41 are most grateful for this contribution to aid their admirable work.

ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN If you would like a notice put in the bulletin, please have them in by Wednesday evening at the latest. Either email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the letterbox at Immaculate Heart Presbytery.